

September 15, 1926.

In company with Mr. Watson last evening I called upon George Sipel. Mr. Sipel informed us that on the previous day he and his wife had been to Somerville, and while there he had signed a statement prepared by the prosecution. This statement only included part of his story, that is, the portion of it which dealt with the efforts he made on the night of September 14th to see Mrs. Russell. They did not include in the statement that part of his testimony which should deal with his being approached by Mrs. Gibson, and her offer of \$100 if he would corroborate her testimony. The portion of Sipel's story which the prosecution took, and which Mr. Sipel repeated in the presence of both Mr. Watson and myself, is as follows:

About three months prior to Sept. 14, 1922, Sipel sold Mrs. Russell some pigs, cows and horses, and received from her a promissory note on account of the purchase price. She made some payments on the note, but being away from home all the time, and no one being around her place to care for the cattle, they died off, and on the Sunday preceding the 14th day of September, while Sipel and his wife were away to Church, Mrs. Russell came to his farm and left the horse which she had previously secured from him, tied in his farm yard. On his return he found the animal there, and saw that it was in bad shape and liable to die.

The following day, namely, on Monday, he came into New Brunswick and saw Officer Knouth, and told him about the condition of the animal, and that it was likely to die. Knouth promised to come out and make an inspection, but did not do so. The following day, Tuesday, he noticed in the morning that the horse was unable to get on its feet, and before night it died. He again notified Knouth, and he promised to send out a man to remove the horse. However, he did not do so on Wednesday, and on Thursday night Sipel again came to New Brunswick and saw Knouth, and explained to him that the animal should be removed at once, as it was becoming a menace to health. Knouth told him that he could not send down for it right away, and the best thing for him to do would be to bury it. When Sipel informed Knouth that he could not bury the animal, Knouth told him that he knew where he could get a man who would do so, and they went together to some saloon in New Brunswick where Knouth entered and brought out a man who said he would bury the horse for \$3. Knouth agreed to accompany Sipel to the farm and talk to Mrs. Russell about the horse. Sipel was driving a two seated machine, with a delivery back, and when the man who was hired to bury the horse saw that he had to sit in the rear, he went into the saloon and borrowed a chair. They then proceeded to the Sipel farm, and then he and Officer Knouth drove over to Mrs. Russell's place, arriving there as he fixes the time to be about 9.15 P.M. They looked around the house and could find no one there. The doors and the windows were closed. (When questioned on the absence of Mrs. Russell at this time Sipel says that he could not swear whether or not Mrs. Russell might have been in the house and kept out of sight to avoid meeting the officers). Not finding Mrs. Russell, Sipel and the officer drove to New Brunswick where they endeavored to find Justice of the Peace Flammer, for the purpose of making a complaint against Russell. They were unable to find him and as they were starting back Sipel had some tire trouble. He then proceeded to make the necessary repairs and Officer Knouth left him at Bound